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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Montreal			<p>On Monday Sept. 4th. 1939 the officer personnel of the Bn, reported to the Theological College, University St. for their medical examination. Prior to this, attestation papers had been completed at the Bleury Street Armoury. Recruiting commenced on Thursday, Sept. 7th 1939.... the first man to be attested was D.81001 Pte R. Dynes ex-CSM D. Coy 13th Batt'n, next man was D.81002 Pte D. MacDonald ex-CQMS C. Coy 42nd Batt'n. Many of the Regiment's originals unfortunately failed to pass the medical examination for various reasons, chief amongst these being 'over age'. These men, mainly veterans of the Great War 1914-1918, will be sadly missed as the accumulation of knowledge gathered over a period of years with the Regiment would have been an invaluable asset during the Battalion's preliminary training. In all fairness to the French units in the City it was decided to place a definite limit on the number of French-Canadian applicants accepted. Amongst the first rush of recruits were many ex-members of the Regiment and a remarkable number of ex-Service men. The latter have caused a great deal deal of the trouble experienced. Very few Jews applied and these doing so failed to meet the physical requirements. The Officers were kept busy throughout this period attesting, making wills, crime sheets etc, and designating the men to their respective Companies. Luckily, among the recruits were found specialists enough to more than form the nucleus of HQ Coy. It will be some considerable time before the Battalion can be equipped with uniforms. Discomfort, attendant upon lack of boots etc., is already being experienced. During the first two weeks of mobilization, these men without homes in the city were quartered in the Drummond St YMCA. This organization has been most generous with its recreational facilities and deserves a great deal of praise. The fifth floor of the Caron Bldg has been equipped with bunks to accommodate 150 men. A recreation room, showers, latrines and pioneer workshop have also been installed. Elementary drill and the less strenuous forms of physical training are carried out daily on the McGill Campus to the edification of an ever increasing number of onlookers. Meanwhile the 2nd (42nd) Batt'n has been carrying out a less spectacular but none the less important duty in the Internal Security Force, while the Reserve of Officers under the leadership of Brig. General E. McCuaig, have organized a Provisional Officers Training Corps for selected gentlemen and to be directed by Major W.E. MacFarlane M.C. This latter Corps will enable the Overseas Battalion to have a constant flow of officers educated in the traditions of the Black Watch and assisted by training from officers who served the Black Watch in the Great War of 1914-1918.</p>	

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Montreal.			<p><u>Period covering Sept. 1st. - 21st. 1939.</u></p> <p>On Friday Sept. 1st./39. Capt. E.C. Rawlings in his capacity as Reg. Adj. received a phone call (confirmed) advising him that the 13th. Bn. was to be mobilized as an active Service Bn. He immediately advised Major G. Kadie the Bn. second in command who in turn notified Col. K.G. Blackader. M.C.E.D. Col. Blackader consulted Lt. Col. P.P. Hutchison, Officer Commanding 13th. Bn. and Lt. Col. I.L. Ibbotson, Officer Commanding the 42nd. Bn. and it was proposed that mobilization should be treated as a regimental, rather than a Bn. affair. Col. Blackader then proceeded to H.Q.M.D. No. 4 and outlined his proposal which was accepted.</p> <p>Lt. Col. Ibbotson upon his return to the 42nd. Bn. H.Q. at Soulanges Canal informed the officers regarding the formation of the overseas Bn. Every officer volunteered his services without deliberation whereupon. Lt. Col. Ibbotson paid a visit to all posts on the the canal in order to make an appreciation of the men willing to enlist in the First Overseas Bn. The results obtained were most gratifying an estimated 85% signing immediately, the remainder electing to remain with the 42nd. Bn. Col. Blackader was the first officer in the C.A.S.F. to be attested, passed physically fit. Taking command of the First Battalion necessitated a reduction in rank from Col. - Lt. Col. also Lt. Col. I.L. Ibbotson accepted the appointment of 2nd. in command with the rank of Major. Before any further decisions were made Capt. S.S.T. Cantlie was selected as Adjutant.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(cont'd)</p>	

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Montreal.			<p>(cont'd) Sept. 1st. 1939.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>List of Officers.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Col. P.P. Hutchison. Officer Commanding the Regiment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>List of Officers of 1st. Battalion The Black Watch.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lt. Col. K.G. Blackader, M.C.E.D Major I.L. Ibbotson. <u>Capt. & Adj. S.S.T Cantlie.</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Major S.D. Cantlie.</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Major J.C. Routledge.</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Major A.W. Wright.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" H. Hamer.</td> <td>" F.J. Smith.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>" H.M. Jaquays.</td> <td>" J.B. Weir.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capt. H.E.T. Doucet.</td> <td>Capt. C. Petch.</td> <td>Capt. B.D. Robertson.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" F.M. Mitchell.</td> <td>" E.C. Rawlings.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. J.W. Knox.</td> <td>Lieut. W.A. Wood.</td> <td>2/Lieut. R.G. Slater.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" B.R. Ritchie.</td> <td>2/ " J.G. Bourne.</td> <td>2/ " J.D.W. Halbert.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" D.H. Taylor.</td> <td>2/ " I.R. McDougall.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">////</p>	Major S.D. Cantlie.	Major J.C. Routledge.	Major A.W. Wright.	" H. Hamer.	" F.J. Smith.		" H.M. Jaquays.	" J.B. Weir.		Capt. H.E.T. Doucet.	Capt. C. Petch.	Capt. B.D. Robertson.	" F.M. Mitchell.	" E.C. Rawlings.		Lieut. J.W. Knox.	Lieut. W.A. Wood.	2/Lieut. R.G. Slater.	" B.R. Ritchie.	2/ " J.G. Bourne.	2/ " J.D.W. Halbert.	" D.H. Taylor.	2/ " I.R. McDougall.		
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Montreal	21/9/39.	0600-0600.	<p>Usual morning and afternoon parades held, Company No.3 holding bathing parade in morning. Drill consisted of squad, small arms training and P.T., Complaints were registered in connection with ever demonstration by the instructors. This resulted in much inactivity for the men who suffered from cold. Advised and corrected.</p> <p>Civilian reports concerning extreme cases of intoxication on the part of men of this unit were investigated and steps taken to eliminate same. Closer inspection of Caron Building quarters immediately prior to lights out has been advised.</p> <p>Lack of equipment is becoming more pressing, Boots in particular being urgently required. Recruiting owing to added stringency has fallen off, Single men only of good bearing and education being signed on, It has been remarked that owing to haste in the initial stage of mobilization many men now classed as pertaining to an undesirable category are officially on strength. The possibility therefore of recruiting married men of undoubted ability and good physique should should be considered as within a short period the necessity of reducing present strength by a process of weeding out will be found essential.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength increase by 8 men., Strength decrease 1 man.</p>	P.A.
"	22/9/39	0600-0600	<p>Morning drill parade held at McGill campus, No 4 Company holding an bath parade . A successful route march in the afternoon proved a needed stimulant to the men, Recruiting improved probably as a result of the route march.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength increase 16 men., Strength decrease 1 man.</p>	P.A.
"	23/9/39	0600-0600	<p>Morning parades consisted of lectures on Hygiene, given by the M.O., and S.A.T. Great improvement has been noted in the drill and demeanour of the men.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength increase 12 men.</p>	P.A.
"	24/9/39	0600-0600	<p>No Parades.</p>	P.A.

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Montreal.	25/9/39	0500-0600	<p>Parades in morning and afternoon saw the commencement of training in bayonet fighting, this has proved to be very interesting to the men. Marching and drill movements were open to criticism, slackness no doubt in a large measure due to post weekend fatigue. Great enthusiasm is displayed at inter company baseball games, one of which was held this evening. D-81583 Pte. Lucas. J. was admitted to St. Anne's Military Hospital. No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	R.
"	26/9/39	0500-0600	<p>Morning parade held at McGill campus, bayonet fighting, P.T. and rifle drill forming the main training. Caron Bldg., quarters were organized in that a correct roll call is now made., One N.C.O, drawn in rotation from each company is detailed to sleep in the quarters and check the men in at night, Pickets detailed for duty in the Caron building shall not carry rifles, the guard at the main entrance providing the exception. Officers subject to orderly duty have been given complete instructions as to the manner in which they will perform their task, Many details have been overlooked in the past due to lack of knowledge, This has now been rectified. Afternoon parade consisted of signal drill both manual and whistle. Strength increase 20 men., Strength decrease 2 men.</p>	R.
"	27/9/39	0500-0600	<p>Morning parade held., McGill campus S.A.T., P.T. and squad drill. An uneventful day, The morning parade of nocturnal celebrants dwindles as payday approaches. Strength increase 5 men., Strength decrease nil.</p>	R.
"	28/9/39	0500-0600	<p>Morning parade McGill campus, Afternoon Fletcher's field for signal drill. No Strength increase or decrease.</p>	R.

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Montreal.	29/9/39	0600-0600	The Bn. paraded to McGill campus in morning followed by a route march in the afternoon, the march, although of short duration, appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed by all ranks, however owing to the shortage of boots and the poor condition of many of the men's shoes a rather large number attended the M.O. Strength increase 12 men., No decrease.	J
"	30/9/39	0600-0600	Pay parade. The Battalion paraded in the afternoon to Molson's Stadium for the R.M.C. vs McGill Football game. Interest, at first keen, waned considerably as the rain penetrated clothing. A few stout hearts followed the cheer leaders calls to the bitter end, but enthusiasm in the main was sadly lacking. During the interval Capt. Jones and the brass band performed but even the strains of martial music failed to kindle a spark in the dampened bosoms of the men. No increase or decrease of strength.	B. B. B. Adams
"	1/10/39	0600-0600	Divine Service was conducted in the armory by Rev. Dr. Donald. Following as it did on the heels of payday all ranks found the standing rather hard and a decided waver was noticed. The choice of hymns provided post-service amusement those selected being "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus" and "Courage Brothers do not Stumble". No increase or decrease of strength.	B.
"	2/10/39	0600-0600	P.T., Drill with and without arms, Bayonet fighting and Y.M.C.A. swim parades completed the morning parade at McGill campus. During the afternoon lectures were given by company commanders. Strength increase 16 men., No decrease.	J.